

City of Selah
Council Minutes
March 12, 2019

Regular Meeting
Selah Council Chambers
115 West Naches Avenue
Selah, WA 98942

A. Call to Order Mayor Raymond called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

B. Roll Call

Members Present: Kevin Wickenhagen; Jacquie Matson; Jeremy Burke; John Tierney; Roger Bell; Diane Underwood; Russell Carlson

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Donald Wayman, City Administrator; Dale Novobielski, Clerk/Treasurer; Rick Hayes, Police Chief; Gary Hanna, Fire Chief; Joe Henne, Public Works director; Jeff Peters, Community Development Supervisor; Monica Lake, Executive Assistant

C. Councilmember Absence – Motion to Excuse **None**

D. Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Tierney led the Pledge of Allegiance.

E. Invocation

Pastor Mark Flippin gave the prayer.

Council Member Carlson moved, and Council Member Tierney seconded, to move Resolution N – 4 to the beginning of the meeting, due to previous commitments by those in attendance. By voice vote, approval was unanimous.

N. Resolutions

4. Resolution Declaring March 1 Ernest E. Buckley Day in Remembrance Of and Honoring the City of Selah's First Town Marshal who Lost His Life in the Line of Duty

Police Chief Hayes addressed N – 4. He said that the Resolution would declare March 1 as Ernest E. Buckley day, adding that Mr. Buckley's great-nephew and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Couchman, were in the audience.

Council Member Tierney inquired if this was to be forever rather than one time.

Police Chief Hayes replied that was what he hoped for.

Council Member Tierney moved, and Council Member Matson seconded, to approve the Resolution Declaring March 1 Ernest E. Buckley Day in Remembrance Of and Honoring the City of Selah's First Town Marshal who Lost His Life in the Line of Duty. Roll was called: Council Member Wickenhagen – yes; Council Member Matson – yes; Council Member Burke – yes; Council Member Tierney – yes; Council Member Bell – yes; Council Member Underwood – yes; Council Member Carlson – yes. By voice vote approval was unanimous.

Police Chief Hayes read the resolution aloud then presented a signed copy of the document to the family.

F. Agenda Changes **None**

G. Public Appearances/Introductions/ Presentations

1. Bronwyn Mayo, Wenas Mammoth Foundation

Bronwyn Mayo, Wenas Mammoth Foundation approached the podium and addressed the Council. She spoke about the discovery of a mammoth bone on their property in 2005, and the collaboration with Central Washington University to excavate the find, giving a PowerPoint presentation about the Wenas Mammoth Foundation, then played a short video highlighting the education and excavation of the dig site. She said that October is Archaeology month, and that they hope in the future to have an event in conjunction with the holidays around archaeology month as well as more community involvement in the site itself. She outlined their future plans for the site, which include a building with a museum, a classroom, a lab, and a repository on roughly seventeen acres of land.

Council Member Tierney asked if they had problems with vandalism.

Ms. Mayo replied that they have not, as they have two secured cargo boxes for storage, and fencing around the area where the bones were found. She remarked that when they do put the building in they are looking at putting it directly over the dig site to open part of it like they do in South Dakota. She went on to say that Central Washington University has declined to do any future digs, and has finally provided them with a letter stating that which allows the foundation to pursue getting another archaeologist involved in the project.

H. Getting To Know Our Businesses **None**

I. Communications

1. Oral

Mayor Raymond opened the meeting.

This section is verbatim

Carl Torkelson: Madame Mayor, Members of the Council, my name is Carl Torkelson and I reside at 101 Heritage Hills Drive for the record. I'm here this afternoon to basically address some disturbing

news I found out earlier today. I found out that the Downtown Association is going to give a facade grant to our new pool. I have to say it bothers me that we're gonna give a facade grant. It was intention, from my knowledge was meant to be to develop the older blighted buildings in Selah, and help achieve a better look for the downtown. And I think we have a six point two million dollar pool, I'm pretty sure the facade of that pool's going to be pretty nice. I, I'm questioning why, why the funds are going that way. Why am I talking to you? You're the purse strings of Selah. You develop where the money goes, a lot of money for the downtown is actually, the way I understand it, donated by the City of Selah. A good portion, I should say. I don't have exact numbers. But, since I found this out, I wanted to address it with you and ask questions of number one, why? Number two, how hard did we work for the landowners of the buildings, commercial buildings, things of this nature in the downtown, to see if they'd be on board with wanting to do this program. How come we're missing the situation? A little background information, the pool was the only applicant. We couldn't find other ones, amongst all that we have here and all the buildings that are so, well, not totally rundown but could use improvement, maybe say that diplomatically? Those are my questions. I know I only have a couple minutes but I want to throw that out on the board. And I was on the Council in '12, when we, it was John Gawlik, the City Administrator and myself went to the COG meeting for the first downtown presentation, and we brought it forward to Selah so we could start the Downtown Association. Back, back then in that meeting, it definitely was about the facades of the older buildings in Selah, not brand new development properties. So I, I, I can't help but stand here and say why are we doing this? It doesn't make sense. And did we not work hard enough to find somebody to fit this, this need? I mean, I own commercial buildings, I was never approached. How many owners did we approach? Did we just approach the business owners? Or did we actually try to get the owners of the buildings, that actually own the buildings and make the decisions of the facades? Thank you.

Mayor Raymond: Thank you.

Mr. Torkelson: My time's up. Appreciate it.

Council Member Tierney: Madame Mayor, I would like to make a comment and I was also on the Council when we adopted this, this program, and this program was specifically adopted with the interest of the City Council in improving the downtown core of the City. Basically First Avenue, Naches intersection area, on down Naches and then down Jim Clements Way. It was not the intention of this Council to support new development off the main corridor of this community, never was the intent to do that. It was intended to provide matching funds through B&O tax revenues to businesses in the community that would like to clean up the front of their buildings. A good example is, I believe it's called Black Rock down here on Naches. Beautiful job of improving the frontage of that building, from an old just plain piece of glass as you walk down the street to some nice basalt columns, a very attractive building. And that, that improvement does a, does several things. It, it encourages your neighboring business to also do improvements on their facade, if they can certainly afford too, or little, little steps at a time. It improves the appearance of the community and it also gives some incentive to new businesses possibly coming into our community. It does no good for us to distribute those monies three blocks over to Third Street to put a pool that is already bonded and funded for construction. Makes no sense, no sense at all, and I'm concerned enough that, that I would be willing to encourage that we withhold any other monies to the Downtown Association until such time as they withdraw that offer to work on the pool and to put that money to use out on the main corridor, where our intent was to put it. What I see having done, having happened here is that a, a small group of individuals, who in some cases have a

conflict of interest, members of the downtown community association and members of SPRSA, they shouldn't make decisions on the distribution of monies from that fund in that manner, and they should make sure that their by-laws reflect exactly what this Council intended to do, and that is improve the downtown core. Third Street is not a part of this downtown core.

Council Member Carlson: I, I have a response to that. First of all, I don't know who on the SPRSA Board is also on the SDA Board. Is, is there somebody specifically you're thinking of?

Council Member Tierney: Yes.

Council Member Carlson: Who?

Council Member Tierney: The name has escaped, Barb Petrea.

Council Member Carlson: Barb Petrea is not on the SPRSA Board.

Council Member Tierney: Okay. Then I'm in error in that case.

Mayor Raymond: She's on Community Days.

Council Member Tierney: Yeah, Community Days, yeah.

Council Member Carlson: Barb Petrea is not on the, on the SPRSA Board. The Selah Downtown Association, there've been reports constantly about how much work they're doing, how much information education they've spread throughout the community. We've talked ad nauseum about the efforts of Whitney Stohr and about all the volunteers that volunteer on the Selah Downtown Association. To, to imply that there was no additional effort to, to bring in businesses is a hundred percent false, a hundred percent. I personally have approached businesses. The Council is fully aware of this program we've been doing. The City staff is fully aware of this program we're doing. The sub area plan, part of the sub area plan has included instructions about this program. Our City planner, who sees permits and see the businesses coming in, sees businesses wanting to take over buildings, he is fully aware of this program. The efforts to reach out to the community have been massive and, and, not just this year. Last year, the year before. And frequently you get businesses that, that you have to encourage them along to do it. One of the biggest challenges we've seen is for their ability to match those grants, those funds, cause it is a matching grant, a matching fund grant. So, the, to, I can, I can respect the question about, about the outreach but I guarantee it's there. And if Mr. Torkelson has buildings he'd like to do, I'm sure he's very well aware of this program.

Mr. Torkelson: I'm not. I've never been notified the details. I'm a property owner. Excuse me for interrupting, but how many property owners have you actually notified, sat down with, told them the details? They own the buildings, they are the ones that make the decision on what happens to the buildings, not always the business owner that rents it. I think there's a flaw in the system, cause I could actually stand here and with all honesty say no one's ever approached me. Ever. Obviously I knew about the program but I don't know what the details whatsoever.

Council Member Tierney: And Russ, in response to what you're saying about everybody here knows all about it, I don't know of one time when Downtown Association came in here and said we are going to expand to Third Street.

City Administrator Wayman: The staff is, staff is completely unaware, I was not aware of the expansion of their area, into their area of responsibility, their area of concern over to the Third Street side until today when we just asked a few questions. I didn't, I didn't know about it. I can't speak for Jeff Peters but I not appraised of it.

Council Member Tierney: Well, I'd certainly never heard of it.

Whitney Stohr, Executive Director of the Selah Downtown Association: I'm sorry that this is the first time that we're actually getting a chance to talk. It's unfortunate because we have really have done a ton of work and some really great projects. So, a few things. We go out of our way to reach out for all of our programs and projects, whether people hear of it through social media, or through our monthly newsletter, or the business newsletter. I mean, I am constantly outreach, providing outreach to businesses, I am in businesses, and I think the fact that somebody hears of a program yet doesn't take the initiative also to reach out and say hey I would love details, I think that's a two-way street. You can lead a horse to water, right? But to go so far as to question the capability and talents of the many people on the board I think is unprofessional and a little bit naïve. We have made our board of directors meetings, all of our committee meetings, they are well open to the public. We invite people, we have a City Council liaison who makes the City aware. We have invited a staff member to be a liaison to our board of directors, we had a staff liaison for a long time, he did a fabulous job, and then he no longer can attend. So, I think that that is a little bit unfair. So, as far as expanding our district boundaries, we are a 501c3 nonprofit organization, we are not an entity of the City, and it does go back to a political issue too. We have several B&O donors, we have several business donors, all of which give us funding every year. We are incredibly grateful to all of those donors, including the City, of course, but we cannot make decisions as a separate entity based solely on what the City would like to see. All of our donors give us money because they believe in our independent ability to make decisions. That goes for the City, that goes for every single business owner. We can't then go to every single donor and say. I'd request some additional time.

Council Member Carlson: I'd like to give her some time.

Council Member Tierney: That's fine.

Ms. Stohr: We can't go to every business donor and say, you gave us money, how do you feel about this project? You gave us money, how do you feel about the project? Not only would that be time inefficient and just outside of our capacity as a volunteer board, but from a political standpoint, I mean that's a slippery slope. We cannot depend on every single donor, there has to be some level of trust. As far as this program specifically, we have been incredibly successful over the last two years. We've supported four great projects. We have done the exact same amount of outreach as the last two years. We've actually expanded into having a monthly and quarterly business newsletter too, so we actually are increasing some of our outreach. We are doing social media campaigns to increase our followers, so that we are spreading the word that way too. If there is times, years, where there is just not the businesses that are, that are able, capable financially, to step up and match funds, we accept applications from those that,

that submit them. Our grant program specifically states that we accept grants from building and businesses owners. That would include a nonprofit organization. It would include a, an entity like the City of Selah. We would love to partner with the City on a grant program and, and improve the courtyard out here because it needs it. We would love to, you know, work with the library if they came forward, or, you know, the Lions Club if they happened to own some property. We are specific to the building and business owners, so SPRSA is a building, they're gonna be a building owner. They met our eligibility requirements. As far as our district boundaries, it goes back to us being an independent organization. We are a State certified Washington State Main Street Program. We are nationally certified under the National Main Street Center. Under those programs, we don't have to go to the City and say hey, we're thinking of expanding our boundaries. There are independent guidelines that we go through our State certification programs, that say after conducting a historic preservation survey, looking at the existing buildings that are around what you would consider the business district, we can submit an approval to, or a, a recommendation to expand our boundaries to incorporate whatever that core may be, depending on what the historic site survey leads us to believe. We conducted a historic survey of the entire downtown corridor about a year and a half ago, and based on that information we looked at it and we said our downtown boundaries as they were are very small compared to what it should be, based on the historic survey. So we decided as a board to expand the boundaries to include more of the historic buildings. Which, which you know, after reaching out, talking to our state director and, and the national program, was entirely appropriate, and we received their blessing. Are there any questions?

City Administrator Wayman: Yes, I have a question.

Ms. Stohr: Yes.

City Administrator Wayman: On the expansion of the area where your responsibility is concerned, I've looked at your map today and I saw that, this, it follows Third Street, I believe.

Ms. Stohr: Yes.

City Administrator Wayman: From Fremont and was it Yakima, oh I'm sorry, Selah

Ms. Stohr: Yes.

City Administrator Wayman: Right?

Ms. Stohr: Yes.

City Administrator Wayman: And the, it really, it's really not concerned with anything west of Third except Wixson Park. Wixson Park was, there was a dog leg and it includes Wixson.

Ms. Stohr: It was.

City Administrator Wayman: Okay. I'm concerned, I just, what structure in Wixson Park is historic for your purposes or requires any, any part of your concern. Or your areas of concern.

Ms. Stohr: Well, from historic part, not every single building in the historic district has to be historic in order to qualify. As a Main Street program, not only do we look at historic structures, we look at community assets. And so we considered Wixson Park to be a huge community asset, given the amount of activity and events that are planned there.

City Administrator Wayman: Right.

Council Member Tierney: Why didn't you then include Lince School? And, and the reason I say that, Whitney, is, is I'm sure you're familiar with term gerrymandering?

Ms. Stohr: In a politically stance, standpoint.

Council Member Tierney: And that's exactly what this looks like, is gerrymandering.

Ms. Stohr: We are not a political organization. We are not a, a voting district.

Council Member Tierney: I know you're not, I know you're not.

Ms. Stohr: I mean, that's kind of a stretch.

Council Member Tierney: The way the boundary line is drawn, it looks like you were gerrymandering it just to get Wixson Park and the pool within the boundary. Now, the other thing...

Ms. Stohr: That's a big assumption. I mean that's, that's, that's a big assumption.

Council Member Tierney: Well, yeah and if it walks like a duck , talks like a duck.

Ms. Stohr: And, and Wixson Park has more activities, more events. It is an actual community space. When was the last time we held an event at Lince? I mean, when was the last time there was a big community festival that happened around that school?

Council Member Tierney: Every year. Community Days.

Ms. Stohr: The, the park there.

Council Member Tierney: Every year.

Ms. Stohr: The park there. We're not including the building. I mean, we're not going up and slicing the building apart.

Council Member Tierney: Well, and then the other issue that I have is that, okay, you're, you're a private board.

Ms. Stohr: Sure.

Council Member Tierney: We have no control over you, but you knew what the intent of this Council was on the setting up of this program with the B&O taxes. And that was to improve the downtown core. You could have at least had the courtesy, though you don't have a requirement, to have had the courtesy to come to this Council and say this is what we are interested in doing. You did not do that. And that, I think, is way out in left field.

Ms. Stohr: The, the program

Council Member Carlson: John, I, I'm the Council designated representative on the SDA.

Council Member Tierney: Okay.

Council Member Carlson: And, and if I missed that I apologize. I, I truly am flabbergasted by these questions. We, we support the SDA, we have for years.

Council Member Tierney: That's right.

Council Member Carlson: We praise Whitney for her efforts, we praise the board for their efforts, and the year, and, and the year that one individual entity comes and requests money all of a sudden we have a problem. Also, members of this committee, there was a design committee that reviewed the application, know it was the only one, reviewed the applications and responded with questions for clarification prior to the meeting, had a very in-depth discussion which has been videotaped, and made a recommendation. That committee made a recommendation, includes people in the community, people who, includes myself, includes Shane Backlund, it includes Tiffany Hein, it includes Kim, Kim Acacio.

Ms. Stohr: Kim Acacio.

Council Member Carlson: It includes

Ms. Stohr: Tyann Whitworth.

Council Member Carlson: Who?

Ms. Stohr: Tyann.

Council Member Carlson: Oh yeah, Tyann Whitworth. Everyone named had a discussion. Our Mayor was there yesterday, happy to join us for that meeting. There was a recommendation made to the SDA, the SDA had a discussion on it. They opted to remove one of the features that we didn't feel was appropriate for this grant. We did talk about the grant, the fact that there weren't other submissions. I mean, it's a very in-depth and extensive piece of work. To, to imply that this is, that there was a goal to go help build the pool is false.

Mayor Raymond: And I don't think that was ever implied.

Council Member Carlson: That's not what I heard.

Ms. Stohr: It's false.

Mayor Raymond: I think, I think it was not implied. The, the, the thought that Tiffany had is the same, the same thought that I had.

Council Member Carlson: Sure.

Mayor Raymond: Why are we giving money to a new building? And, and why.

Council Member Carlson: That's a valid question.

Mayor Raymond: And, and, and that was the question.

Council Member Carlson: Yes.

Mayor Raymond: And that's why Tiffany voted no.

Council Member Carlson: Yeah, absolutely.

Mayor Raymond, Because she, she did not.

Council Member Carlson: Absolutely.

Mayor Raymond: So it's not just, you know, a few people.

Council Member Carlson: Right. No. And we had that discussion. We talked about the, the value of having that discussion. And in the end you get, nobody's gonna agree on everything. In the end the committee made a recommendation to the board, and the board voted on that recommendation, just like we do here. Not all gonna agree on everything, but the recommendation was made, and the, the objections were noted.

Council Member Tierney: But, nobody likes to get blindsided.

Council Member Carlson: Sure. I apologize for that.

Council Member Tierney: And we've been lied to.

Ms. Stohr: Kind of like what is happening here to the SDA, that's.

Council Member Carlson: Absolutely. This is, talk about left field. It makes no sense to me. It was a very well thought out, very well constructed discussion and, and recommendation of the board, by the board. And, and to, to all of a sudden just because, because it's caught you by surprise or you don't like one item, you want to recommend holding the money back that we've contributed year after year, and praise them for their efforts. And, and they've taken money set aside for this program. I mean, I really don't understand where the questions of, of oh well, we didn't know about it. There've been everybody on the City Council and staff knows about it.

Mayor Raymond: Okay. Don?

City Administrator Wayman: Madame Mayor. I appreciate the efforts of the board and the work they do, but that doesn't mean the board can't make a, a big mistake. And, and, and, my, my understanding of this is that they've chosen to, to, to donate money that, a portion of which was raised by the City of Selah, to give to another municipality, quasi-municipality but a municipality that has a construction budget, a six point two million dollar construction budget, to add to that budget. Now.

Council Member Carlson: Why does that make a difference?

City Administrator Wayman: Let me explain. Let me finish my thought. This eight thousand dollars is money that's been ponied up by the residents of Selah, not the area, the residents of this City.

Council Member Carlson: False.

City Administrator Wayman: Yes?

Council Member Carlson: No.

City Administrator Wayman: No, a good portion of it. Not all of it. Okay? So this, residents of Selah are being asked, are being taxed again.

Council Member Carlson: No. That's false.

City Administrator Wayman: Yes, they are.

Council Member Carlson: No.

City Administrator Wayman: To pay for accoutrement and improvements at the pool. Okay, so that's what Mr. Tierney's worked up about. And frankly, as a resident of Selah it works me up too. We're being taxed, we're gonna be taxed for the next twenty years.

Council Member Carlson: The, no, yes.

City Administrator Wayman: For the bond to pay for this pool. Now, and, and the same thing goes for maintenance and operations. You know, I know the Council's given me guidance that we should always be mindful of, of the contributions that the residents of Selah are putting forward toward SPRSA. IN this case, the, the board, the SDA has chosen to hand over money the City of Selah has donated to the SDA to a project for another municipality that has a revenue source.

Council Member Carlson: That, that's not true.

Ms. Stohr: That assumes that the City is our only donor. We have several donors.

City Administrator Wayman: I understand that.

Ms. Stohr: We pool our money.

City Administrator Wayman: But a portion of your money, a portion, sixty thousand dollars.

Ms. Stohr: Yes.

City Administrator Wayman: And from what I see on your budget last year, that your actual expenditures last year was fifty-two thousand dollars. Or fifty-three.

Ms. Stohr: So the fact that the City donates sixty thousand.

City Administrator Wayman: So a good portion of your budget is the City.

Ms. Stohr: Does that give, should the City approve every single one of the decisions we make? Should that be, should there be a political, a political decision made by City Council for every decision.

City Administrator Wayman: You made it political by donating to the SDA.

Ms. Stohr: Right.

City Administrator Wayman: You gave a sum of money.

Ms. Stohr: Yes.

City Administrator Wayman: Your organization, to an existing project which, as you know, unless you've, unless you've been living with your head in the sand for the last two years, is a bit of a lightning rod. Okay.

Ms. Stohr: That, that does not change the fact that they were an applicant.

City Administrator Wayman: Right.

Ms. Stohr: That fit our eligibility requirements as the City of Selah. Absolutely.

City Administrator Wayman: So, but it doesn't make you immune to criticism for a poor decision.

Ms. Stohr: In your opinion a poor decision. Don't state that as a fact, that is an opinion.

Council Member Carlson: I think, I think the SDA, like I said, the Council has an SDA representative, and if you don't like the job I'm doing you're welcome to switch me out. I love the job I'm doing and I love the SDA. They do a phenomenal job. You, the people on the SDA are fantastic people who work their butt off, and they do projects like the Selah Lighting building, like the Black Rock Center, like R&Q. And those, those were all efforts by the board to go out and get them. In fact, one board member, our vice president, who is Tiffany Hein, is receiving an award in Washington State for her efforts with

this program. Because she personally went out and solicited businesses to, to apply and then guided them through the process and helped them design their buildings.

Council Member Tierney: But it, it's not that I don't like the SDA. I do like the SDA. I think the SDA has done some great things for the community.

Council Member Carlson: You don't like their contribute to the pool.

Council Member Tierney: No, I don't like the fact that A, we were blindsided on this.

Council Member Carlson: And that's on me.

Council Member Tierney: No, that's on Whitney.

Ms. Stohr: Tell me, tell me, tell me how you were blindsided.

Council Member Carlson: Now listen.

Council Member Tierney: We had no knowledge that you had expanded the boundaries of the grant application process.

Ms. Stohr: You did. I put that in our monthly newsletter. I made sure that every single person on this Council is emailed minus you two, which you will be on our email list. We're on that. So you do get a monthly email, we put it on social media. We, I mean, we spread the word, and so again it gets back to we can only out, reach out to people so much, at some point there has to be that give and take. And so I know for a fact that that information did get out.

Council Member Tierney: But Whitney, you come here and make reports all the time.

Ms. Stohr: Absolutely.

Council Member Tierney: You never brought it up. You never brought it up. And who's to say, do you know that I have a computer? Do you know if I read my email? No, you don't. And I can tell you straight forward I haven't opened up a City of Selah email for months.

Ms. Stohr: And that is my, that's my fault?

Council Member Carlson: And that's, I would say.

Council Member Tierney: And that's, and that's because, no, no.

Ms. Stohr: I mean, I can visit you every week and we can go through your email together if you want.

Council Member Tierney: And, and the only reason, the only reason I do is because Monica calls me and says hey, you need to check your email. But what I'm saying is you had every opportunity to bring this to us and, and you haven't. Russ has had every opportunity to bring it to us and he hasn't. But, like

Harry Truman said, the buck stops here. And that's, that's, that's your responsibility as the director to, to, yeah.

Ms. Stohr: It is my responsibility to do outreach, to inform the community as a whole of what is going on with the program. It is, it is impossible for, for a volunteer board and a, a shoestring staff to visit every single person individually. It would be like let me tell you what's going on with SDA this month. We, that is, that's not possible. I mean, that's just silly talk. But.

City Administrator Wayman: Is, is it possible you could have taken a pass on distributing this money until you did find a business, instead of handing it to another municipality?

Ms. Stohr: They met our eligibility requirements.

City Administrator Wayman: That's a very technical answer. But is it, is it responsible to your actual mission, is it actually responsive to, to your bylaws? Does it actually do?

Ms. Stohr: Yes. Our, our mission is to promote and develop downtown Selah, as a social, economic, and community district, as the, as the core of the City. Wixson Park, for several reasons, is not only in our boundaries as part of our downtown district, what could really be argued to be a really essential part of, of the community's core. I mean, that's a historical park. So much has happened there.

City Administrator Wayman: So what, what sense does it make for the City to distribute funds to the SDA, for you to turn around and give it to us for improvement at the park? That doesn't make any sense.

Council Member Carlson: Same, same reason that they would do, if they would

Mayor Raymond: Russ, Russ.

Ms. Stohr: That's not what that is, and that's not what that would be. And we have money set aside for First Street improvements, which would be a, I mean, it would be gifting the, the City money. We, we have, we are gifting the City for Civic Center improvements. We purchased tables. In fact, today I sent an email to, to Bree saying that, that the SDA has voted to approve an eight hundred dollar grant so that the Civic Center can purchase new padded seats because there was an accident with one of the seniors, and there's a need for new seats. So we are gifting money to the City in that way. We've done it before. We'll continue to do it.

Mayor Raymond: Okay.

Council Member Burke: Madame Mayor, I.

Mayor Raymond: Would you like to speak?

Council Member Burke: I would. Nice to meet you, by the way. So, I'm new to this. But what I, I just have a simple request. And I understand you're a separate board that makes independent decisions of us, and I understand that we can direct funds and withhold those, but far as the decisions, from my standpoint what I'm hearing this essentially came from two, two reasons this came forward. One, we

have a property owner who didn't feel that they fully understood it, and maybe as a result of that you had a lack of applications to one. So my request is just simple. In the future, do you think your organization can make an effort to target property owners? I know you can request those through the County Assessor. Might only be a one year thing where you send out a letter asking them to be, be included on your email distributions in the future. That way, that might be a mitigating way. I know the pool is a separate issue from this, that makes this a little more keg of powder, but as far as what actually I think brought this issue to light was partly a business owner, who owns the building and may not operate the business.

Ms. Stohr: Sure.

Council Member Burke: Not feeling they're getting the same level of attention or information as the business owners. So in the future is that something that your organization can try to do next year before these funds are released?

Ms. Stohr: We will always try to reach as many business, I, I mean, we do. We try to reach out to many, as many business owners as we can. I'm with them constantly, inviting people to join our mailing list, and we'll continue to do that.

Council Member Burke: I mean like the, the actual property owners.

Ms. Stohr: Yeah.

Council Member Burke: So if it's an LLC that owns it separate than, I mean, half the businesses here may be owned by separate than the actual business.

Ms. Stohr: Right. I mean, we're, yes, I mean, we're always looking for ways to get more people notified of things.

Council Member Bell: I've got a question. Who on the SPRSA board brought this request to the SDA?

Ms. Stohr: Amie Ozanich submitted the application.

Council Member Bell: I will say that I am vice chair of the SPRSA board. I sit on that board. I've attended every single one of their meetings for the last two years. Every one of them. And this topic has never come up before that board. I would contend that you don't have a request from the SPRSA board. Period.

Ms. Stohr: From an application?

Council Member Bell: You do not have a request from the SPRSA board, because it has not come through the board. Period.

Council Member Carlson: Then, then the board needs to figure that out. All we're.

Council Member Bell: No, it doesn't need to figure it out.

Council Member Carlson: All we look at is.

Council Member Bell: Russ, this was not brought to the SPRSA board to request that.

Council Member Carlson: I get that.

Council Member Bell: It was brought by someone else

Council Member Carlson: I get that. But as the SDA, we don't know that. We received an application, so we reviewed the application. The assumption has to be that the person has permission.

Council Member Bell: Well, I will tell you right now.

Council Member Carlson: And they satisfied this. That's fine.

Council Member Bell: As vice chairman of the SPRSA board, I disagree with this request entirely because of the way it's come about. That is not the way any board is set up to operate. Now, and I would say you have an invalid request. You do not have one.

Council Member Carlson: That's, that's fine. The signature on the, on the application says I have permission to submit this request. So then that means to me that the board, the SPRSA board, needs to discuss it.

Ms. Stohr: The internal workings of any other organization are beyond our capacity to, again, check on. We cannot go to every single business owner that maybe apply and say okay, we need to come in to your board of directors meetings or whatever that might be, and make sure that everybody on the board agrees with this as a good application. We, our job as, as this organization is to accept applications as they come forward. Based on the application that we received from SPRSA, everything in all the, I's were dotted and t's were crossed. We received a complete application from Amie Ozanich the secretary. Whether or not that was discussed at the last board meeting, and whether or not it was, whether or not she received the blessing from her board, is not really our responsibility to check on. Also, in terms of applying for grants, I mean, it would obviously be in the rules and bylaws of their organization, but the way that we work as an organization, whether or not to apply for a grant is not something that needs to be approved by our board of directors. And so, that would be something to check on as well.

Council Member Tierney: well, in, in listening to Roger it sounds like you need to go back to the SPRSA board and find out if they approve of this disbursement before.

Ms. Stohr: Why is that?

Council Member Tierney: Because if the board.

Ms. Stohr: We received a valid application. That, that is all that is within our responsibility. Again, I am not on the SPRSA board, I am not the director of the SPRSA board. Their internal workings are not, we received a valid and complete application.

Council Member Tierney: Valid in your mind, not necessarily in the board.

Ms. Stohr: Valid according to our grant guidelines, which are what rule the day here.

Council Member Tierney: Not necessarily.

Mayor Raymond: Mr. Noe, do you have any input on this?

City Attorney Noe: I don't know. I think we might need to look back at the contract between the Downtown Association and the City itself on the money, because I, I hate to say but I think there are some strings attached to the City money because it is public funds. I don't know, I haven't looked at that, but there could be something there.

Mayor Raymond: Can we table this to different time?

Council Member Carlson: It's easily arguable that, that the funds given, that the ten thousand dollars given on this grant are not from the City, that the funds the City gives are set aside for City projects.

Council Member Tierney: You're splitting hairs, Russ.

Ms. Stohr: I think this whole thing is splitting hairs.

Council Member Carlson: Look at the budget. Request the budget. There is a budget being set up for the City of Selah, for First Street improvements.

Ms. Stohr: There is.

Council Member Carlson: And money on an annual basis is contributed to that budget and, and your staff and your City Administrator is fully aware of that money, and a budget is submitted monthly to the, to the City Council.

Council Member Wickenhagen: Madame Mayor, I just would like to know what the, whatever the Resolution that set this up for the dispersion to the Downtown Association, what that reason, and what that money was to be used for specifically. What they have done with it we have no control over, only what we can do.

City Administrator Wayman: What we can do is we have the original contract for the first fifteen thousand dollars that we laid out to the SDA in 2017. There was guide language on that, gave it to Mr. Noe for review, haven't got that fully done yet. I think we can, by our next meeting, have a full analysis of that and an explanation of what the legal opinion and administrative opinions on that.

Council Member Tierney: Roger, do you have an intent of going back to SPRSA with this?

Council Member Bell: I'll definitely talking with the SPRSA board about it.

Council Member Tierney: Okay.

City Administrator Wayman: And, and certain representations that I know certain things, and don't know them, I'm not read into, until very recently today, the, the Downtown Association's budget, a complete breakdown of where they get their money or (unable to decipher) have been made. I don't know, I saw what their, what their 18 and proposed 19 budget is but I haven't seen their revenue. I don't what their, what their proposed revenue for 18 and 17 was, and what their actual revenue lines in the same vein. I have their 19 proposed revenue but their actuals I don't believe I have. So once I get those I'll be able to have a better analysis. And we'll be requesting those from the SDA.

Mayor Raymond: Okay.

Council Member Underwood: I would like to say that I have seen tons of stuff put out by the Downtown Association, and I have read it. They have been, frankly, almost overboard, it's like oh gosh there's another one, you know. I, I, I will say that. They have been very, very strong in pushing out their information.

End of verbatim section

Seeing no one else rise to speak, Mayor Raymond then closed the meeting.

2. Written

- a. Monthly Permit Report February 2019
- b. Code Enforcement Report for February 2019

J. Proclamations/Announcements **None**

K. Consent Agenda

Council Member Carlson requested that N – 2 be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Executive Assistant Lake read the Consent Agenda.

All items listed with an asterisk (*) were considered as part of the Consent Agenda.

* 1. Approval of Minutes: February 26, 2019 Study Session & Council Meeting

* 2. Approval of Claims and Payroll:

Payroll Checks Nos. 82534 – 82571 for a total of \$287,759.42
Claim Checks Nos. 72680 – 72756 for a total of \$230,255.02

* 3. Resolution N – 3: Resolution declaring Fire Department Property as Surplus and Authorizing Its Disposal

Council Member Tierney moved, and Council Member Underwood seconded, approval of the Consent Agenda as read. By voice vote, approval was unanimous.

L. Public Hearings

1. Closed Record Public Hearing to consider the City of Selah Planning Commission's Recommendation regarding a Class 3 Use Application for the construction of a new elementary school, increase the maximum lot coverage of the site from 35% to 38%, and provide environmental review of the proposal in its entirety

Community Development Supervisor Peters addressed L – 1. He said that this was a closed record public hearing to consider a Class 3 Use Application for construction of a new elementary school on the Lince property. He briefly reviewed the project, saying that the Planning Commission concluded its open record hearing on February 19, 2019, and are recommending approval subject to the conditions in the staff report. He noted that Shane Backlund, the Selah School District Superintendent, was in attendance.

Mayor Raymond opened the Closed Record Public Hearing.

Council Member Tierney remarked that he went through the packet provided, and the one issue he saw was dealing with the letter from the Department of Ecology. He reminded his fellow Council Members that they ran into an issue with pesticides during the development of Volunteer Park, which required a mitigation of the soil. He read aloud paragraph two of Exhibit 5-B in packet, saying that in looking through the file, he found nothing showing the results of soil testing, and that he was concerned whether the School District had gone forward with that kind of testing.

Shane Backlund responded that he didn't have that information with him.

Seeing no one else rise to speak, Mayor Raymond closed the hearing.

M. General Business

1. New Business
 - a. Funding Increase for Improvements in Volunteer Park

Public Works Director Henne addressed M – 1a. He said that six months ago the City Administrator formed a committee for Volunteer Park to determine recommendations for improvement and comply with the requirements of the RCO grant, which included a gazebo and disc golf. He read aloud from the information provided in the packet the ideas the committee came up with, saying that they have narrowed it from the original cost of one hundred twenty-five thousand to sixty thousand for the gazebo, disc golf, and trees. He went on to say that Public Works would be putting in the concrete and erecting the gazebo, they have several picnic tables to be rebuilt with volunteer labor that would then be placed at the park, and the committee is asking that local businesses consider a donation of five hundred dollars

for one of the disc golf baskets. He noted that, if Council approves the expenditure of sixty thousand as this meeting, Clerk/Treasurer Novobielski would bring a budget adjustment to the next Council Meeting.

Council Member Carlson wondered if they would be defaulting on the application by eliminating some items.

Public Works Director Henne responded that the application required disc golf and a shelter.

City Administrator Wayman confirmed that the requirements are a shelter and disc golf.

Public Works Director Henne remarked that one of the committee members believes they might get a bunch of trees donated or cost reduced for planting in the park.

Council Member Burke felt there was a little uncertainty as to whether the sixty thousand would cover everything, as he would hate to have businesses not buying into disc golf or have the amount fall short in some other way.

Public Works Director Henne responded that he was not making a promise, just stating that this was what they were trying to do, and they believe that between sixty thousand and other commitments they would be able to do what needed to be done.

Council Member Matson commented that some of the items were required.

Council Member Burke wondered about the cost of the gazebo.

Public Works Director Henne answered that the cost was between twenty-five and twenty-seven thousand, not including the cost of concrete. He added that Public Works would place the concrete and erect the building.

Council Member Matson said it was about twenty-seven thousand.

Council Member Burke asked if they were estimating thirty to thirty-five thousand including concrete.

Public Works Director Henne answered in the affirmative, saying that it depends on shipping costs.

Council Member Burke stated that he was fearful of saying these were things they hoped to get.

Public Works Director Henne responded that if they gave him a hundred thousand he could tell them what they would get.

Council Member Carlson commented that the finance committee met and found that there are additional funds available, making a recommendation to move twenty-three thousand to support the project.

Council Member Carlson moved, and Council Member Tierney seconded, to approve the expenditure of sixty thousand dollars for Volunteer Park. Roll was called: Council Member Wickenhagen – yes; Council Member Matson – yes; Council Member Burke – yes; Council

Member Tierney – yes; Council Member Bell – yes; Council Member Underwood – yes; Council Member Carlson – yes. By voice vote approval was unanimous.

2. Old Business **None**

N. Resolutions

1. Resolution Approving a Class 3 Use Application for the construction of a new elementary school, increase the maximum lot coverage of the site from 35% to 38%, and provide environmental review of the proposal in its entirety

Community Development Supervisor Peters addressed N – 1. He said that this was for approval of the Selah School District's Class 3 review, and that on pages two and three of the Resolution they would find the conditions of approval. He briefly explained the process if any Council Members wished to add additional conditions.

Council Member Tierney remarked that he was really concerned that the pesticides, lead, and arsenic issue found at Volunteer Park would also potentially be found at the new school.

Council Member Tierney moved to add condition of #12, based on the letter from the Department of Ecology, that the petitioner conduct a soil test on the construction site for the determination of residual concentrations of pesticides including lead, arsenic and organochlorine pesticides, or provide results from prior testing, and to approve the Resolution Approving a Class 3 Use Application for the construction of a new elementary school, increase the maximum lot coverage of the site from 35% to 38%, and provide environmental review of the proposal in its entirety with that addition.

Mr. Backlund commented that they have some prior testing results that were sent to the Health Department, who then signed off on it, and that they could produce that for the City.

Community Development Supervisor Peters thought that would satisfy the condition.

City Administrator Wayman remarked that it could still be a condition.

Mr. Backlund agreed that an additional test would be easy to do.

Council Member Bell seconded the motion. Roll was called: Council Member Wickenhagen – yes; Council Member Matson – yes; Council Member Burke – yes; Council Member Tierney – yes; Council Member Bell – yes; Council Member Underwood – yes; Council Member Carlson – yes. By voice vote approval was unanimous.

Council Member Tierney noted that his reason for the additional condition was public health and safety.

Council Member Carlson clarified that it was either conduct testing or provide results from prior testing.

2. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to sign a contract with Yakima Valley Sports Tourism

City Administrator Wayman noted that Council Member Tierney would address the matter in lieu of Recreation Manager Morales.

Council Member Tierney addressed N – 2. He said that this Resolution was for a one year contract with Yakima Valley Sports Tourism for three thousand dollars, which included the items listed in the contract. He opined that this was money well spent through the LTAC Fund, saying that Yakima Valley Tourism came in asking for several other items and the board chose not to fund any but this, which gives the City a member on that board and a successful 2A softball tournament.

Council Member Carlson commented that the contract refers to Wood Field, and he wanted to make sure it listed the appropriate name. He remarked that he was hoping to find out what the other items were but didn't see them listed in the minutes.

Council Member Tierney responded that they approved the three thousand for the Sports Tourism contract at the December 3 meeting, and moved to pay half of the cost for 1A, but were told that the Selah Downtown Association had paid the full amount for the Visitors Guide ad. He went on to say that the remaining items dealt with a map with the Visitors Guide, funding for an online presence and a visitors center photo board.

Council Member Carlson asked if those were proposed by Yakima Valley Tourism.

Council Member Tierney replied in the affirmative, saying that they proposed the items to the Board and they chose to fund the Sports Commission.

Council Member Carlson commented that he just wasn't sure if it was them pushing or the City.

Council Member Tierney answered that it wasn't the LTAC Board.

Council Member Bell moved, and Council Member Wickenhagen seconded, to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to sign a contract with Yakima Valley Sports Tourism, with the change of Wood Field at Carlon Park. Roll was called: Council Member Wickenhagen – yes; Council Member Matson – yes; Council Member Burke – yes; Council Member Tierney – yes; Council Member Bell – yes; Council Member Underwood – yes; Council Member Carlson – yes. By voice vote approval was unanimous.

* 3. Resolution declaring Fire Department Property as Surplus and Authorizing Its Disposal

O. Ordinances **None**

P. Public Appearances **None**

Q. Reports/Announcements

1. Departments

Community Development Supervisor Peters said that he and the City Administrator have been discussing a study session on sub area plan the first part of April, and that he would have more materials for Council as they get closer to that time.

Public Works Director Henne stated that they would not go out to read meters in March this year due to the snow. He said that they held a couple public outreach meetings last week, one for sewer connection fees and the other for the North First Street grind and overlay project, and that during the second meeting they talked about pedestrians from the schools and decided to move the start date of the project to June 10. He noted that they hoped to have a start date for the East Goodlander reconstruction project soon, and would be keeping both directions open to travel.

Mayor Raymond inquired as to the time frame for project completion.

Public Works Director Henne replied that they should be done with the majority of the work by the end of summer, prior to the start of the school year, although they would likely be finishing the project next spring due to the time frame for procuring streetlights.

Council Member Tierney wondered if the coffee shop would have access off both roads, which the proprietors of the coffee shop on the corner spoke to them about at a prior meeting.

Public Works Director Henne responded that they would have access for both through most of the project, as they already did the water and sewer, but it would be gravel for part of the project.

Council Member Tierney complimented the street crew for taking care of the City streets.

Public Works Director Henne remarked that they are about thirty-six hundred over the entire 2019 snow removal budget, and would be coming back with a budget adjustment on that.

City Administrator Wayman opined that they were doing well by only being that much over budget.

Clerk/Treasurer Novobielski said that the City was reviewed by a bond rating company in 2014 as part of a bond refinancing in 2014, ending with a favorable rating of AA-, and that the review conducted by the same bond rating company the past few weeks has resulted in the same AA- rating.

City Administrator Wayman expressed his confusion on receiving the same rate, as they have reduced the amount of debt.

Clerk/Treasurer Novobielski responded that an AA- is like an A-, and that while it would be nice to get As, it takes a lot to achieve that rating, such as an annual audit instead of the City's current two year cycle. He added that the bond rating company sent a draft of what they plan to issue, and when they issue the final version he would share the summary with Council.

Council Member Carlson inquired if some of that was attributed to bonds purchased they still technically owed money on.

Clerk/Treasurer Novobielski responded in the negative, saying that they didn't get into that.

City Administrator Wayman commented that it's really about how they do business.

Clerk/Treasurer Novobielski briefly explained the two different systems in the world of accounting, GAP principles and cash basis, saying that almost all smaller governments are cash basis but Standard & Poore would prefer that everyone go GAP.

Fire Chief Hanna said that one of his career employees has taken a job with the Pasco Fire Department, starting yesterday morning. He went on to say that they met with the Civil Service Commission last week, at which time they approved the process for hiring a new employee, and that Human Resources Manager Potter would be doing a job announcement and putting out the schedule, with June 1 the earliest someone would be starting.

Council Member Carlson remarked that a few years ago there was a discussion with the police department about officers training locally then transferring to larger departments and bigger cities. He asked if there was a similar scenario in fire department and if so, what could be done.

Fire Chief Hanna responded that it was a similar scenario, with the allure of forty-eight hours on and ninety-six hours off for more pay, and was something they just had to deal with.

Council Member Carlson recommended that if firefighters and police officers train here then transfer, it would be appropriate to request that where they transfer to reimburse the City some of that expense.

Fire Chief Hanna commented that Firefighter Bertheas had been with them almost five years to the day.

Council Member Carlson opined that for him maybe he's paid back his training, but he thinks that small cities like theirs are constantly training officers and firefighters, only to have them go somewhere else.

Fire Chief Hanna remarked that there was a basic firefighting program, funded in part by the State, which was taken away last year.

Council Member Matson expressed concern with fentanyl and wondered if he saw a need for NARCAN.

Fire Chief Hanna answered that he has been working with the director of EMS to narrow down guidelines, what they need to do and the costs associated with it.

City Administrator Wayman stated that they would look into it, adding that in New York State they just had the biggest bust in six years and found that cocaine adulterated with fentanyl.

Fire Chief Hanna commented that they're finding it in heroine too.

Council Member Wickenhagen suggested that any contract for new employees have a clause for length of stay, adding that they set that up for the County that if they do so much training they have so many years they have to work there.

Fire Chief Hanna responded that they haven't done that yet, as for the most part their people have received a lot of training on their own to qualify, and it's less expense if they come in the door with EMT and other things. He added that their requirement is that the person must be with the department for two years.

Council Member Tierney inquired about the chance of getting a lateral employee.

Fire Chief Hanna replied in the affirmative, saying that they asked the Civil Service Board to consider the option of opening the position up to firefighters in Yakima County, and that it would be opened to combat firefighters with at least two years' experience with a department in Yakima County.

Council Member Tierney wondered about expanding it beyond Yakima County.

Fire Chief Hanna replied that they're so small they need to keep memberships fairly local.

Police Chief Hayes said that last week's Citizens Academy had the SRO and Yakima City's CSI come out to talk, and that next Monday would be Sergeant Brumley presenting a past investigation, reminding Council that they could drop in at any one of the meetings. He commented that his department has the same issues as Fire, and that if they had contracts they would never get any money from them. He thanked Council for passing the Resolution.

Council Member Carlson requested that he explain why he felt it appropriate and necessary to do a Resolution honoring Ernest Buckley.

Police Chief Hayes replied that when he was at Quantico he found Ernest's name on the academy wall honoring fallen officers, and wanted to recognize the only Selah officer who had died in the line of duty. He said that he was looking ahead in a calendar done by Behind The Badge, an entity who takes action when there's a line of duty death, and saw Ernest's name listed in March.

Council Member Tierney felt it would be nice to name a new Police Station or City Hall in his honor.

Police Chief Hayes commented that there isn't much of his family left, as Ernest had no children and those his brothers had are deceased. He added that the grand-nephew in attendance earlier came from Ernest's sister's line.

City Attorney Noe had no report.

2. Council Members

Council Member Wickenhagen said that he attended one meeting this last week, which was interesting, and he learned a lot.

Council Member Matson said that she didn't attend yesterday's meeting but last Monday she did attend Deputy Police Chief Steen's presentation on a case that happened there, saying that it makes one think about what really happens. She remarked that the Volunteer Park meeting went very well, and one

member was heading to Oregon next week to peg the tree for the Centennial. She noted that the Selah Community Days meeting went very well, and that she also attended a finance committee meeting.

Council Member Burke commented that he had some scheduling conflicts and almost missed today's meeting but was glad he made it back as it was a spirited meeting and he learned from everyone.

Council Member Tierney said that they had an LTAC meeting with two items of note, the first being a substantial increase in Community Days funding due to moving to Carlon Park and providing some other facilities and equipment they haven't provided in the past, an expense they anticipate for another two years. He remarked that the second item dealt with a difficulty for funding coming from the motel, as one of those was showing some really unusual fluctuations. He asked Clerk/Treasurer Novobielski if he had anything to add to that, or if they needed to go to the Department of Revenue.

Clerk/Treasurer Novobielski spoke briefly about a discussion he had with two hotel employees a couple weeks back, where he was told that the accounting people were attempting to identify why the taxes were so low. He noted that it takes sixty days before they receive the money that's reported, and that he would prefer to think that they could figure out what the problem was without him contacting the Department of Revenue.

Council Member Tierney asked if they knew whether or not the Centennial committee group would be requesting any LTAC funds.

Mayor Raymond replied that they had already budgeted funds for the Centennial.

Council Member Bell gave a pool update, saying that they should have all exterior and interior walls up by Tuesday of next week and would begin on the roof after that. He thanked Public Works Director Henne, Public Works Utility Supervisor Jones and City Administrator Wayman for the agreement allowing for use of more of Wixson Park to the south and the west for their construction needs.

Council Member Underwood said that she knows what Council Member Bell does about SPRSA.

Council Member Carlson said that the Citizens Academy was absolutely fantastic, and Missy Maki has done a fabulous job. He was grateful for the effort and homework Police Chief Hayes put in to the Resolution honoring Ernest Buckley, saying that it's a reminder that first responders are first responders. He expressed confusion over why the Selah Downtown Association was an issue, noting that they have done a fabulous job and even have a board member being recognized for her efforts with regard to the façade grant program. He liked Council Member Burke's suggestion to contact the property owners, and felt that the Selah Downtown Association (SDA) has been very responsible about how they spend the money.

Council Member Tierney wondered, if he applied for a grant, was awarded one and did the project, could he then apply again for another grant.

Council Member Carlson answered in the affirmative, saying that the design committee was set up to review applications. He went on to say that in yesterday's discussion they removed picnic tables from the project as they didn't feel those were part of a façade, and that he thought they did a good job

petitioning the community. He agreed that Council Member Bell's point was well-taken, although he felt that the SDA wouldn't know whether the SPRSA board approved the application or not, and that the applications that come in ask if that person has permission to submit an application on behalf of the entity. He noted that the façade grant program was part of the Sub Area plan Community Development Supervisor Peters has been working on.

3. City Administrator

City Administrator Wayman remarked that they've had a busy couple of weeks, some of which would be discussed during their executive session. He said that they've installed candlesticks beyond the turn lane on East Goodlander due to four or five accidents at the intersection with Wenas recently.

Police Chief Hayes commented that there were more than that but that amount in the time period he looked at.

City Administrator Wayman commented that a contributing factor is the location of the coffee shop, which slows traffic up, and that people will now need to go up to the Carlon Park parking lot to turn around and go back to the coffee shop rather than making a left hand turn and potentially causing more accidents. He went on to say that they are working with the owners on a longer term solution, such as selling them a piece of the pumphouse property adjacent to the coffee shop to allow them to expand the coffee shop to the west and allow people further down to make a left hand turn off Goodlander. He added that HLA was working on a legal description for the property they would sell, and that once the value of the property is understood the matter would be brought to council with a recommendation to sell. He stated that the candlesticks would stay for safety purposes.

Mayor Raymond asked if they would be placing candlesticks on Wenas.

Public Works Director Henne replied in the negative, saying that they haven't had people taking left hand turns out of there.

4. Boards

a. Lodging Tax Advisory Committee Minutes – December 3, 2018

b. Planning Commission Minutes – February 19, 2019

5. Mayor

Mayor Raymond informed the Council that they would be getting an email from AWC for online courses, which can be viewed at a later date than the day they air. She suggested that Public Works Director Henne set up a couple dates when they have things together to rebuild the picnic tables.

Public Works Director Henne replied that he was waiting for prospective dates from volunteers.

Council Member Carlson commented that another option would be to do them as part of the SDA cleanup day.

Council took a five minute recess.

P. Executive Session

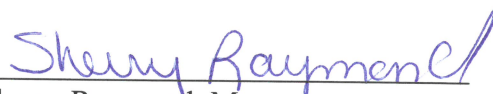
1. 15 Minute Session – Potential Litigation RCW 42.30.110 (1) (i)


Council went into Executive Session at 6:17m. At 6:32pm, Council went back on the record. Mayor Raymond stated that no action was taken during the Executive Session.

Q. Adjournment


Council Member Tierney moved, and Council Member Matson seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. By voice vote, approval was unanimous.

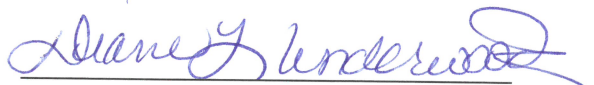
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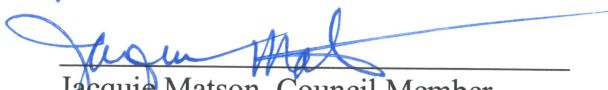

Sherry Raymond, Mayor



John Tierney, Council Member


Roger Bell, Council Member


Russell Carlson, Council Member



Diane Underwood, Council Member


Jacquie Matson, Council Member


Kevin Wickenhagen, Council Member


Jeremy Burke, Council Member

ATTEST:


Dale E. Novobielski, Clerk/Treasurer